

Appl. No. 10/796,452
Reply to Office action of May 16, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and reexamination of this application are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 6 is hereby amended.

The amendment of claim 6, reciting "formed of a magnetic material", is supported by the subject matter of claim 1. Since the amended subject matter has already been considered regarding claim 1, the amendment should be entered. The amendment of claim 6, reciting "outer peripheries of both the exciting coil and the detection coil", is supported, for example, by Figure 3.

Claim 6 was rejected as being anticipated by Yagi (US 4,817,444) or Sezaki (US 6,484,592). Yagi does not disclose a magnetostriction-type torque sensor including yoke portions respectively provided around outer peripheries of both the exciting coil and the detection coil, as required by claim 6. Rather Yagi discloses a steel core (58) that is only provided around an outer periphery of excitation coil (70), and not around detection coil (74). See Figure 3.

Further Yagi does not disclose a magnetic shield section formed of a magnetic material, as required by claim 6. Rather, Yagi discloses an enclosure member (46) with no specified material of composition.

Sezaki does not disclose a magnetostriction-type torque sensor including a magnetic shield section formed of a magnetic material, as required by claim 6. Rather, Sezaki discloses a casing main body formed from a non-magnetic material (see claim 1, column 10, lines 21-23).

Therefore neither Yagi nor Sezaki anticipate the invention of claim 6. Favorable reconsideration and reexamination of claim 6 are requested.

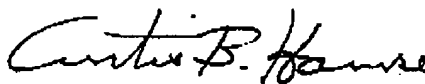
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In view of the above, early issuance of a notice of allowance is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165, at (612)455-3802.

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